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SUBJECT: EMBASSY PRESS STATEMENT ON BRAZILIAN NOTE AND RELEASE

REF: BRASILIA 1737

1. FOLLOWING IS A FULL TEXT OF THE STATEMENT PREPARED BY THE
EMBASSY AND AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON THE BRAZILIAN NOTIFICATIO
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TO REFUSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE: BEGIN TEXT OF STATEMENT:
WITH RESPECT TO THE NOTE GIVEN TO THE AMBASSADOR AND RELEASED
FOR PUBLICATION BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THIS MORNING, THE EMBASSY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WISHES TO SET FORTH THE FOLLOWING
FACTS SO THAT THE PUBLIC RECORD WILL BE COMPLETELY CLEAR:

(A) UNDER CURRENT US LEGISLATION (SECTION 502(B) OF THE
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED), SIGNED INTO LAW
BY PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD ON JUNE 30, 1976, THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH TO THE US CONGRESS A REPORT ON THE
SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN EACH OF THE APPROXIMATELY 80 COUNTRIES
THAT RECEIVE SECURITY ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

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(B) IN KEEPING WITH THIS LAW THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS PREPARED
A REPORT ON BRAZIL WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE REPORTS OF THIS
EMBASSY.

(C) THIS REPORT IS ONLY ONE OF THE SEVERAL ELEMENTS THAT THE
CONGRESS TAKES INTO ACCOUNT WHEN APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS FOR THE

SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED TO THESE COUNTRIES.

(D) FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1977, THE LEVEL FOR BRAZIL PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FOR CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION WAS \$50 MILLION IN FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS, PLUS \$100 THOUSAND FOR TRAINING.

(E) SO THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE AWARE OF THIS LEGISLATION AND ITS PROVISIONS, THE EMBASSY DELIVERED A COPY OF THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE LAW TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON OCTOBER 14, 1976. MORE RECENTLY THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE COMMENT IN THE BRAZILIAN PRESS ABOUT BOTH THE LEGISLATION AND THE REPORTS REQUIRED BY IT.

(F) THE US GOVERNMENT, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS, DOES NOT CONSIDER CONCERN AMONG NATIONS FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, IN KEEPING WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UN, THE UN UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER SIMILAR INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS, TO CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IT IS THE VIEW OF THE USG THAT CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS TRANSCENDS NATIONAL BOUNDARIES.

(G) THE REPORT IN QUESTION, WHICH IS CURRENT AS OF DECEMBER 1976, IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE CONGRESS, WHICH WILL DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE IT PUBLIC.

(H) AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CONGRESS WOULD PUBLISH THE MANY REPORTS PRESENTED TO IT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, THE EMBASSY, ACTING FOR REASONS OF DIPLOMATIC UNCLASSIFIED

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COURTESY, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON DELIVERED A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. IT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AN INFORMAL MEMORANDUM EXPLAINING THE CIRCUMSTANCES, ALONG THE LINES OF THE POINTS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

(I) THE REPORT AND THE INFORMAL MEMORANDUM WERE RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY LAST EVENING BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
END TEXT OF STATEMENT.
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